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**LISTING OF CLAIMS**

Claims 1 to 8 (Canceled).

9. (Amended) A filament brake comprising:  
a rotatably journaled drum defining a drum axis (X);  
said drum having a plurality of peripherally-extending take-up slots formed thereon for accommodating a plurality of filaments therein, each filament taking up one slot and being wound around the drum several times;

said take-up slots being spaced one from the other in the direction of said drum axis (X); and

a drive wheel adapted to cooperate with means for adjusting the torque of said drum,

wherein each of said slots has an arcuate shape viewed in cross section and includes a filament intake region and a filament run-out region axially offset from each other; said drum having a first diameter at each intake region and a second diameter at each run-out region; and, said first diameter is greater than said second diameter.

10. (Previously presented) The filament brake of claim 9, wherein the drum is journaled at one end.

11. (Previously presented) The filament brake of claim 9, wherein the drum is a shaft journaled at both ends.

Claims 12 -14 (Canceled)